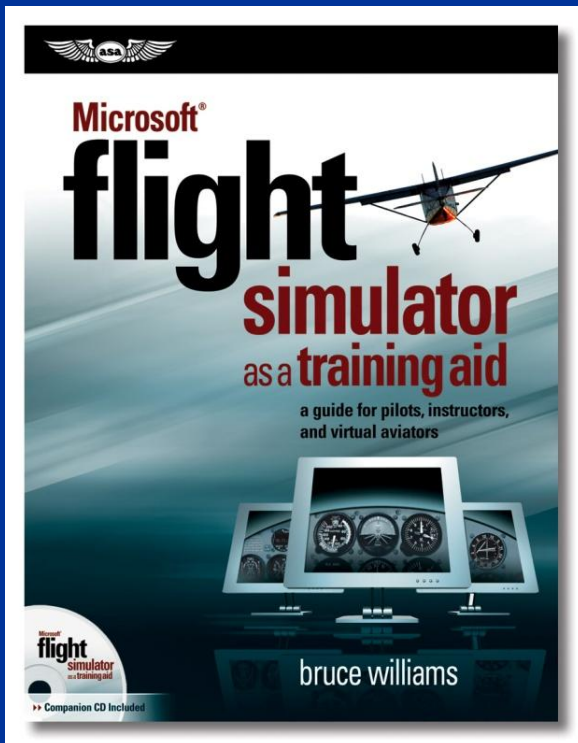


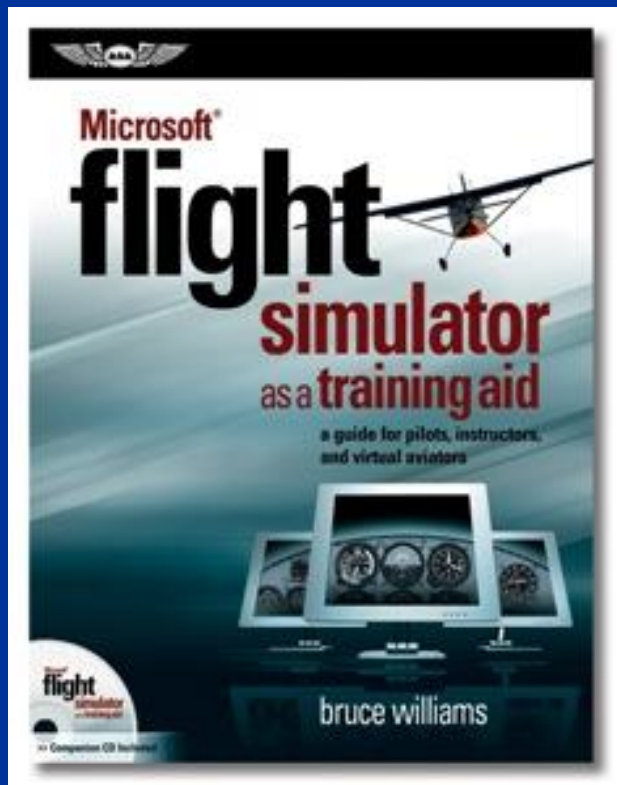


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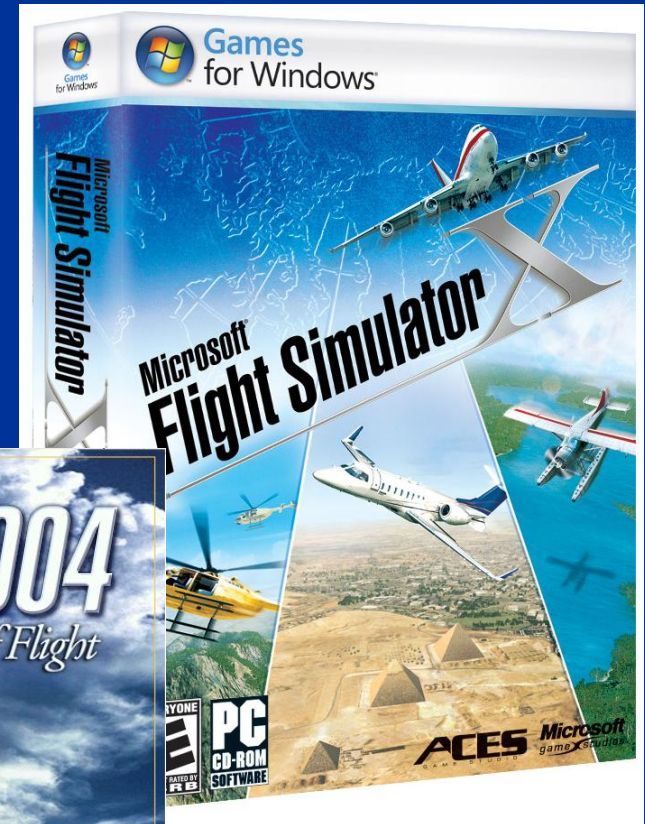
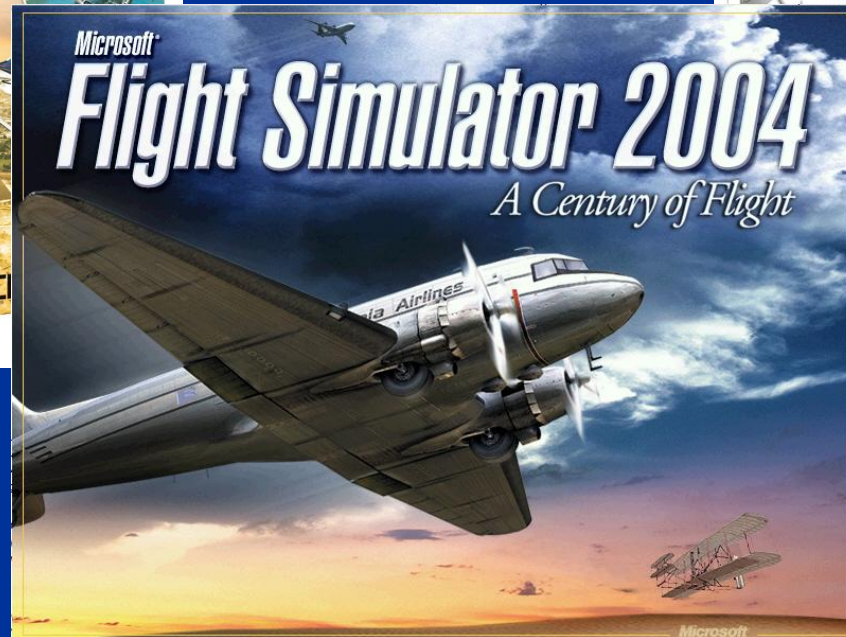
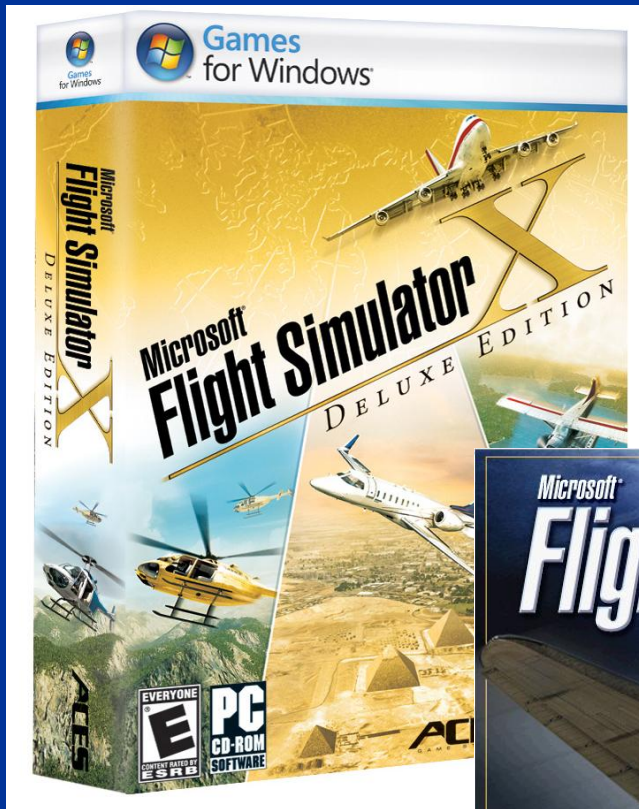


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# Useful Sources of Information

- As you fly, remember that Flight Simulator includes many useful sources of information. Don't worry about memorizing commands or features. Help is always just a click or key press away.





# *Useful Sources of Information*

- ➔ The **Learning Center** is the on-board Help for Flight Simulator. It's like a Web site on your computer that includes videos, pictures, procedures, and reference text.





To visit the **Learning Center**, press the **ALT** key to display the Flight Simulator menu bar and then click **Learning Center** on the **Help** menu.

## Flight Simulator 2004

The **Learning Center** includes a set of Key Topics, a Site Map that guides you to all available topics, and an Index to make it easy to find specific information.

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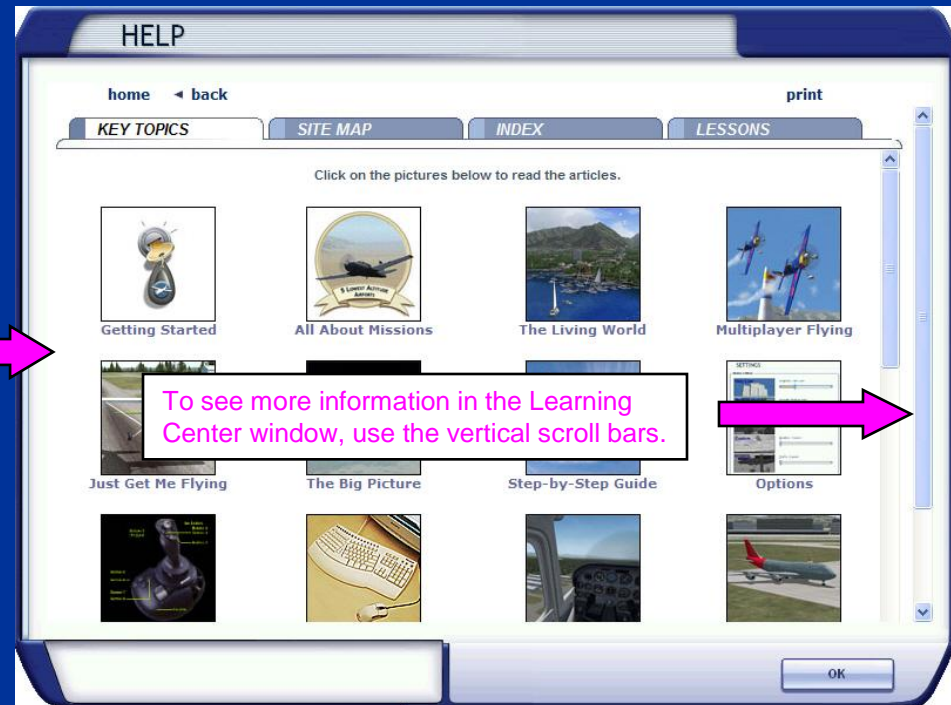


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## Using the GPS

*A guide to global positioning system receivers in Flight Simulator*



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### What is GPS?

GPS, or global positioning system, is a network of satellites that transmit coded data that receivers on the ground can use to determine their position on earth. GPS receivers determine location by comparing the angular relationships between the receiver and orbiting satellites. In this way, GPS is really quite similar to celestial navigation, which early pilots used to determine their whereabouts. The difference is that a GPS receiver uses a computer to compute position, while a pilot navigating with the stars had to operate a sextant and use complex tables.

The computer on board an aviation GPS receiver does much more than just tell a pilot where he is. It can also tell him where any other point on the planet is, and how to get there. GPS receivers are amazing pieces of technology, and are getting more sophisticated every year. Learning how to use one is fun, and the payoff for a bit of study and practice is huge. Fly with

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CANCEL

OK

# The Kneeboard

→ The **Kneeboard** is a handy pop-up reference that you can use as you fly.

## Flight Simulator 2004



## Flight Simulator X





# The Kneeboard

- ➔ To display or hide the Kneeboard, press the **F10** key or click the Kneeboard icon (☑) on the instrument panel.





# *Basic Flight Simulator Setup*

- Although you can create an elaborate virtual cockpit, you can use Flight Simulator effectively with just a basic setup: joystick or yoke and mouse.



## Typical Joystick Controls

Switches  
for trim,  
view, etc.

Rudder  
(twist)

Throttle

Buttons for  
flaps, landing  
gear, etc.

Roll mouse wheel  
to tune radios,  
adjust power, etc.



# *Using the Mouse Wheel*

- Think of the mouse as an electronic extension of your hand.
- To operate many of the controls in the cockpit, use the mouse to point at a knob, button, or control, and:
  - Roll the mouse wheel slowly forward or backward
  - Click a button
  - Drag the mouse





# ***Controlling the Airplane with the Mouse***

- ➔ You can use the mouse to:
  - Operate the throttle, propeller, mixture controls
  - Change heading (when the autopilot is ON and in HDG mode)
  - Extend and retract the flaps
  - Adjust elevator, rudder, and aileron trim
  - Change altitude and rate of climb or descent with the autopilot controls (when the autopilot is ON and ALT mode is selected)
  - Tune communication and navigation radios
  - Select courses on the VOR/ILS indicators and HSI
  - Turn lights on and off
  - Display and hide the Avionics panel, Kneeboard, Map View, GPS, and aircraft control sub-panels

# *Cockpit Orientation*

- ➔ The following slides point out controls that you can operate by using the mouse as an electronic extension of your hand.
- ➔ In most cases, you can operate important controls much as you would in an airplane. Instead of pushing buttons and twisting knobs, however, point to an item and click the left mouse button or roll the mouse wheel forward and backward.
- ➔ The positions of some controls vary in different aircraft, just as they do in real cockpits, but the same basic actions apply regardless of which aircraft you're flying.

This is the normal (2D) Cockpit view for the Cessna 172S in FS2004. All aircraft have similar 2D cockpit views.

All 2D cockpits include a row of special icons. This row is in a different location on each aircraft's instrument panel.

You can operate electrical switches with the mouse

Click the appropriate icon to display/hide the Kneeboard, ATC window, Map view, Avionics Stack, GPS, or Compass pop-up windows.<sup>3</sup>

You can also operate the throttle, mixture, flaps, etc. with the mouse

The screenshot shows the Cessna 172S cockpit with various instruments like the airspeed indicator, altimeter, fuel gauges, and engine gauges. A row of control icons is highlighted at the bottom, including symbols for the kneeboard, ATC, map, avionics stack, GPS, and compass. Below these are physical controls for master battery, fuel pump, lights, pitot heat, and throttle/mixture/flaps.

**You can also  
operate the throttle,  
mixture, flaps, etc.  
with the mouse**

**WARNING**  
ASSURE THAT ALL  
CONTAMINANTS,  
INCLUDING WATER,  
ARE REMOVED FROM FUEL  
AND FUEL SYSTEM BEFORE  
FLIGHT.

MASTER  
ON C  
ALT BAT

FUEL PUMP LAND TAXI NAV BCN / PITOT  
PUMP STROBE HEAT  
OFF OFF OFF OFF OFF OFF

AVIONICS  
N  
MASTER



**ASSURE THAT SEAT IS LOCKED IN POSITION PRIOR TO TAXI, TAKE-OFF, AND LANDING. FAILURE TO PROPERLY LATCH SEAT AND HEED ALL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS CAN RESULT IN INJURY.**



MIX

FLAPS  
UP  
10  
20  
FULL



This is the normal (2D) Cockpit view for the Cessna 172S in Flight Simulator X.

All 2D cockpits include a row of special icons. This row is in a different location on each aircraft's instrument panel.

Click the appropriate icon to display/hide the Kneeboard, ATC window, the Map, GPS, etc.



You can operate electrical switches with the mouse

You can also operate the throttle, mixture, flaps, trim, and avionics with the mouse wheel.

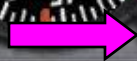




This screen shows a special IFR Training Panel in Flight Simulator 2004. IFR Training Panels are available for the C172S, C182S, and Mooney Bravo.

These IFR panels reduce the space devoted to the outside view so that the flight instruments, avionics stack, and other important controls are all visible in the main window.

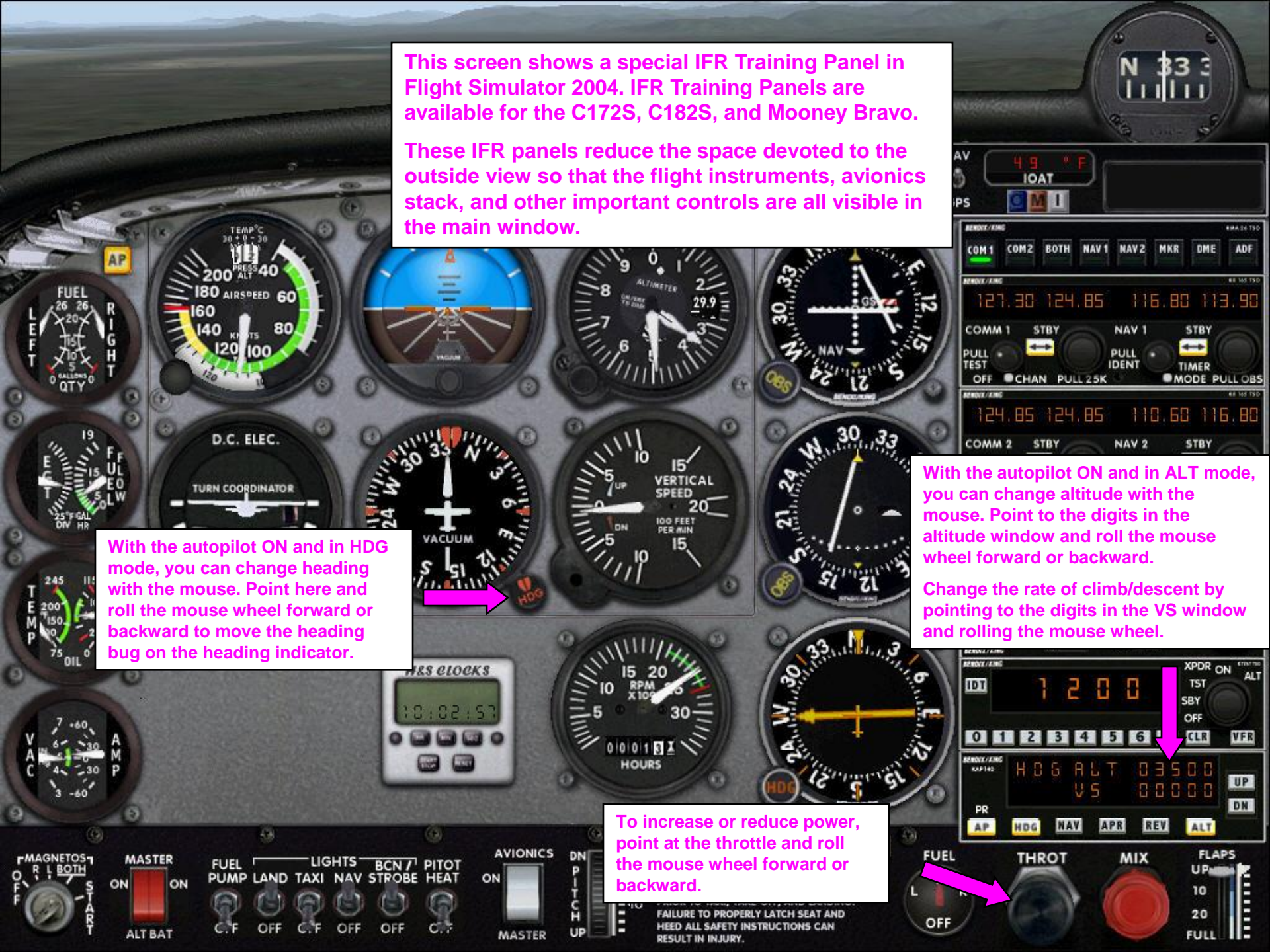
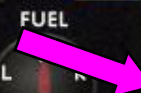
With the autopilot ON and in HDG mode, you can change heading with the mouse. Point here and roll the mouse wheel forward or backward to move the heading bug on the heading indicator.



With the autopilot ON and in ALT mode, you can change altitude with the mouse. Point to the digits in the altitude window and roll the mouse wheel forward or backward.

Change the rate of climb/descent by pointing to the digits in the VS window and rolling the mouse wheel.

To increase or reduce power, point at the throttle and roll the mouse wheel forward or backward.





The Cessna 172S in Flight Simulator X includes the avionics stack in the main window.

You can use the mouse to operate controls just as in Flight Simulator 2004.

With the autopilot ON and in HDG mode, you can change heading with the mouse. Point here and roll the mouse wheel forward or backward to move the heading bug on the heading indicator.


To increase or reduce power, point at the throttle and roll the mouse wheel forward or backward.

With the autopilot ON and in ALT mode, you can change altitude with the mouse. Point to the digits in the altitude window and roll the mouse wheel forward or backward.

Change the rate of climb/descent by pointing to the digits in the VS window and rolling the mouse wheel.







To select a course on a VOR or ILS indicator, point to the appropriate OBS knob and roll the mouse wheel backward or forward.

To adjust the elevator trim with the mouse, point to the trim wheel and roll the mouse wheel forward or backward.

To extend or retract the flaps, point at the flap lever and roll the mouse wheel forward or backward.





To change a communications or navigation frequency, point to the digits in the appropriate standby frequency window and roll the mouse wheel backward or forward.

Point separately at the digits to the left (MHz) and right (KHz) of the decimal point.

To activate a frequency, click the appropriate flip-flop (STBY) button with the left mouse button.

Change the ADF frequency and transponder squawk code much as you change communication and navigation frequencies.

Point separately at each digit in the ADF and transponder displays and roll the mouse wheel.

NAV 49 ° F IOAT

GPS

REMOVE/ENG

COM1 COM2 BOTH NAV1 NAV2 MKR DME ADF

127.30 124.85 116.80 113.90

COMM 1 STBY NAV 1 STBY

PULL OFF CHAN PULL 25K PULL IDENT TIMER MODE PULL OBS

124.85 124.85 110.60 116.80

COMM 2 STBY NAV 2 STBY

PULL TEST OFF CHAN PULL 25K PULL IDENT TIMER MODE PULL OBS

REMOVE/ENG ADF

0362.0

ADF BFO 100% RT/ST OFF

19.0 NM 036 KT

REMOVE/ENG

XPDR ON ALT

1 2 0 0

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 CLR VFR

REMOVE/ENG

H06 ALT 03500

V5 00000

PR AP HDG NAV APR REV ALT

MAGNETOS OFF BOTH START

MASTER ON ALT BAT

FUEL PUMP C.F OFF

LIGHTS LAND TAXI NAV STROBE OFF

PITOT HEAT C.F

AVIONICS ON MASTER

DN PITCH UP

WARNING

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FUEL L B R OFF

THROT

MIX

FLAPS UP 10 20 FULL



To monitor the Morse Code ID for a navigation radio or marker beacon, point to the appropriate button on the audio panel and click the left mouse button.

Or click the Pull Ident button on the appropriate radio.

To adjust the wings of the airplane in the attitude indicator, point to the adjustment knob and roll the mouse button forward or backward.

To select the DME source, point to the selector button and click next to R1 or R2.





To select the navigation source that drives the NAV1 indicator or HSI, click the NAV/GPS switch.

NAV  
GPS

49 °F  
IOAT

REMOVE/ENG 4MA 14 TSD  
COM1 COM2 BOTH NAV1 NAV2 MKR DME ADF

REMOVE/ENG 4A 105 TSD  
127.30 124.85 116.80 113.90

COMM 1 STBY NAV 1 STBY  
PULL TEST OFF CHAN PULL 25K PULL IDENT TIMER MODE PULL OBS

REMOVE/ENG 4A 105 TSD  
124.85 124.85 110.60 116.80

COMM 2 STBY NAV 2 STBY  
PULL TEST OFF CHAN PULL 25K PULL IDENT TIMER MODE PULL OBS

REMOVE/ENG 4A 105 TSD  
0362.0 ADF

ADF BFO 100% RT/AT RT/ST OFF

19.0 NM 036 KT DME 4MA14 TSD  
R1 R2

REMOVE/ENG 4A 105 TSD  
1200 XPDR ON ALT  
TST SBY OFF

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 CLR VFR

REMOVE/ENG 4A 105 TSD  
HOG ALT 03500 UP  
VS 00000 DN

PR AP HDG NAV APR REV ALT

To display the Kneeboard (which includes the Flight Briefing, keyboard shortcuts, and other information), click this icon.

To display the GPS window, click this icon.



#### WARNING

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FUEL  
L B R  
OFF

THROT

MIX

FLAPS  
UP 10 20 FULL

MAGNETOS  
OFF BOTH START

MASTER  
ON ALT BAT

FUEL PUMP C.F OFF C.F OFF BCN 7 PITOT HEAT C.F  
LIGHTS LAND TAXI NAV STROBE OFF OFF OFF

AVIONICS  
ON MASTER

DN PITCH UP





To turn the master switches, lights, Pitot heat, etc. on and off, click the appropriate switches.

To turn the autopilot on and off and to select autopilot functions, click the appropriate button(s) on the autopilot panel.

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Note the location of several key items in the Cessna cockpit in Flight Simulator X

Control panel icons

Autopilot ON/OFF

NAV/GPS switch, which drives the number 1 nav indicator





This is the normal cockpit view for the Baron. You can operate the main controls just as you do in any Flight Simulator cockpit, by pointing with the mouse and rolling the wheel forward or backward, dragging the mouse, or clicking the left mouse button.

To display the Kneeboard, engine controls, map, avionics stack, GPS, and other information, click one of the icons in this row.

You can adjust the pitch, aileron, and rudder trim by pointing to the appropriate trim wheel and rolling the mouse wheel forward or backward.

You can extend and retract the landing gear and flaps by pointing to the appropriate control and rolling the mouse wheel forward or backward.



To display the avionics stack while in normal cockpit view, click the Avionics icon on the instrument panel. The avionics stack appears in a pop-up window.

To hide the avionics stack, click the Avionics icon again.

To display or hide the avionics stack, click the Avionics icon.

You can change frequencies, control the autopilot, identify nav aids, etc. with the mouse.

Point to the item you want to change, and roll the mouse wheel forward or backward. Or click a button or control.





To display the GPS in any aircraft, click the GPS icon on the instrument panel. The GPS appears in a pop-up window.

To hide the GPS, click the GPS icon again.

You can operate the GPS with the mouse by pointing and clicking buttons on the GPS.

You can use the mouse to drag the GPS window anywhere on the screen.

To learn more about how to use the GPS in Flight Simulator, see the GPS topics in the Learning Center.

To display or hide the GPS, click the GPS icon.







Some aircraft, like the Baron, have a separate pop-up window for engine controls.

You can drag the pop-up window anywhere on the screen.

If you prefer not to display the engine controls, you can use the throttle on the joystick or keyboard shortcuts to increase and decrease power and adjust RPM.

To increase power incrementally, press the F3 key. To decrease power, press the F2 key.

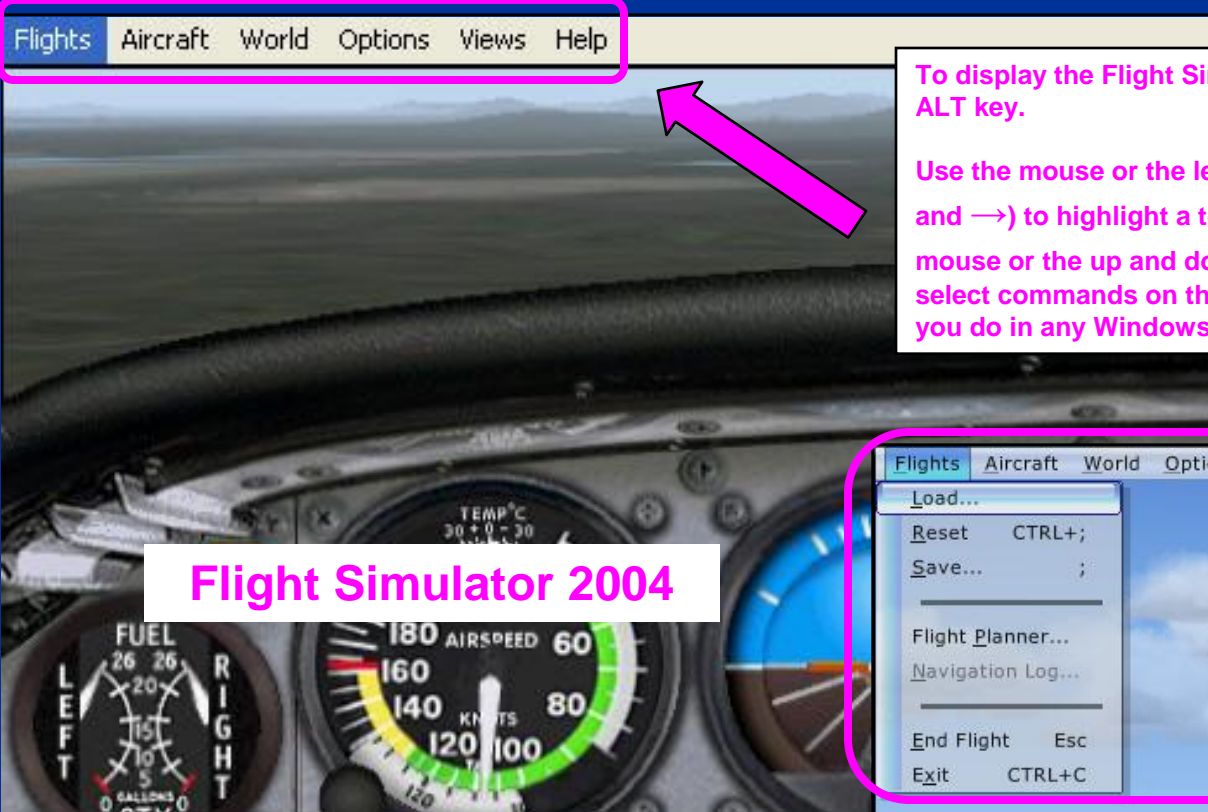
To adjust RPM, press CTRL+F3 (increase) or CTRL+F2 (decrease)

You can operate the engine controls in the pop-up window with the mouse by pointing at the appropriate control and dragging the mouse pointer up and down.

To use the fuel selector, point to the position you want to select (not the lever itself) and click.



To display or hide the engine controls, click the Engine Controls icon.

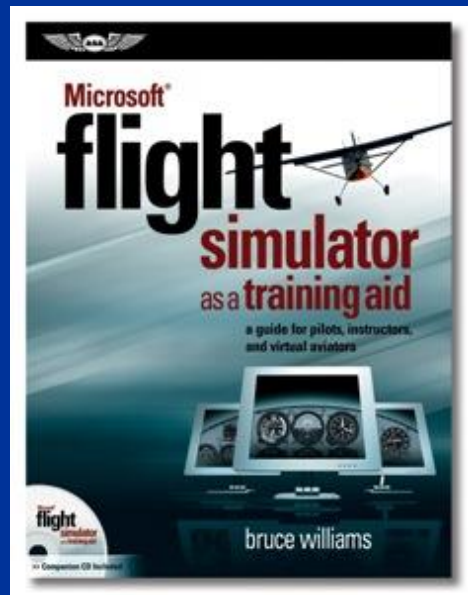


For more information about all of the menus in Flight Simulator, see the slides later in this presentation.



# *Using the Practice Flights*

- The following screens show to choose and start the Practice Flights provided with Microsoft Flight Simulator as a Training Aid, published by ASA.
- For more information about the book, visit the ASA Web site and www.BruceAir.com.

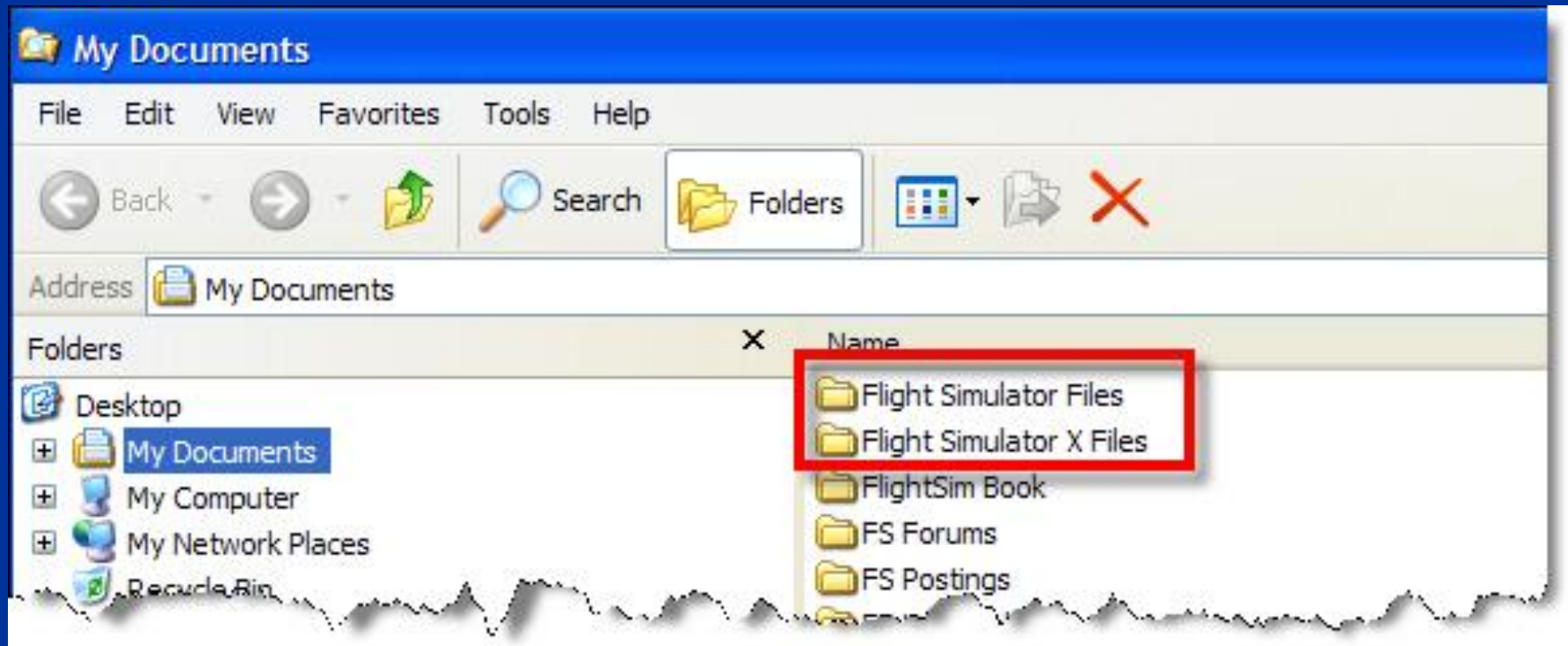
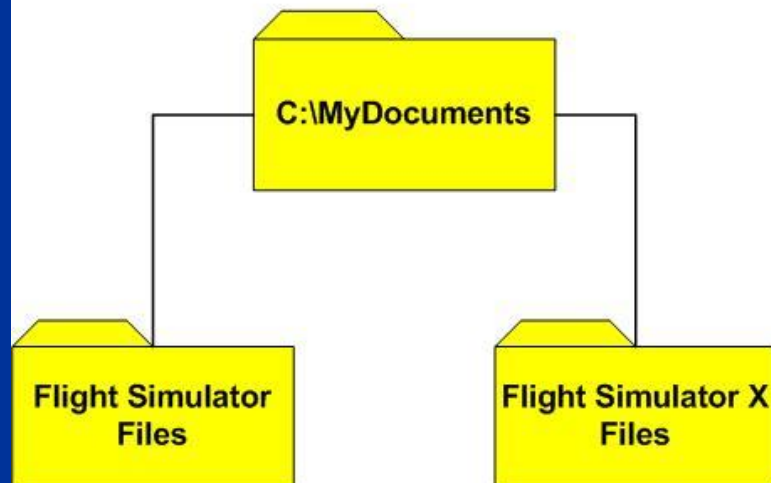




# *Copying the Practice Flights*

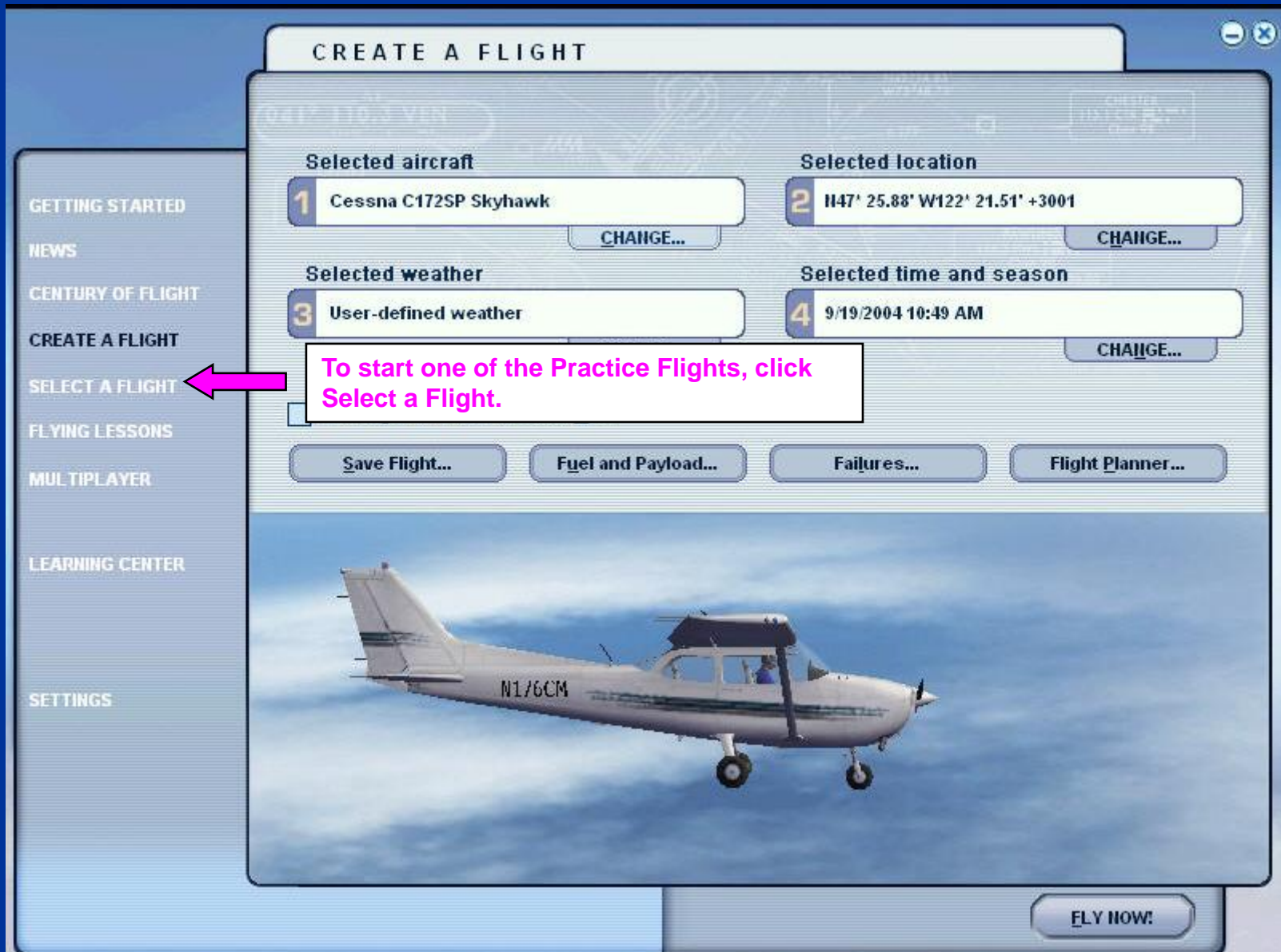
- ➔ To use the Practice Flights, copy the contents of the appropriate folder from the CD that accompanies the book to the correct folder on your hard drive.
- ➔ For more information, see `InstallingPracticeFlights.pdf` on the CD that accompanies the book.

## Installing Practice Flights





When you start Flight Simulator 2004, this dialog box appears. To start one of the Practice Flights, click Select a Flight in the left column.



## SELECT A FLIGHT

### 1. Choose a category:

#### My Saved Flights

1903: Wright Flyer, First Powered Flight  
1911: Flight of the Vin Fiz  
1918: First United States Airmail Route  
1918: The Hell Stretch  
1919: Vickers Vimy Atlantic crossing  
1919: England to Australia Race  
1920: England to South Africa  
1920: Repentance with Tex Marshall

**Flight Simulator 2004:** In the Select a Flight dialog box, click My Saved Flights. The BruceAir Practice Flights appear in the list under Choose a Flight.

The titles of the Practice Flights appear in this list. Click the one you want to fly.

Simulator screen. You can also save a Flight-in-progress: on the File menu, choose Save Flight. To learn how to create briefings for your Flights or new categories of

### 2. Choose a flight:

BruceAir-IFR--ADF-Ilavigation-C172-01  
BruceAir-IFR--ADF-Ilavigation-C172-02  
BruceAir-IFR--ADF-Ilavigation-C172-03  
BruceAir-IFR--BAI-ALW-PSC-BE58-01  
BruceAir-IFR--BAI-ALW-PSC-BE58-02  
BruceAir-IFR--BAI-ALW-PSC-C172-01  
BruceAir-IFR--BAI-ALW-PSC-C172-02  
BruceAir-IFR--HOLDING-KSHH-MHC-BE58-01  
BruceAir-IFR--HOLDING-KSHH-MHC-BE58-02  
BruceAir-IFR--HOLDING-KSHH-MHC-C172-01  
BruceAir-IFR--HOLDING-KSHH-MHC-C172-02

#### Flight description:

This Practice Flight supports learning about and rehearsing basic ADF/HDB navigation skills. Practice intercepting and tracking inbound and outbound on bearings from HDBs in the area. This Practice Flight begins in the air southwest of Seattle, WA, near the Mason County, WA HDB (MHC).

Delete Flight

☐ Make this the

A detailed description of the selected Flight appears in this box.

Select a category of flights.

When you're ready to begin, click Fly Now.

**FLY NOW!**



To start a Practice Flight in Flight Simulator X, click Free Flight.

## FREE FLIGHT

HOME

FREE FLIGHT

MISSIONS

MULTIPLAYER

PILOT RECORDS

LEARNING CENTER

SETTINGS

Click Free Flight.

**1** CURRENT AIRCRAFT:  
AirCreation Trike Ultralight  
[CHANGE...](#)

**2** CURRENT LOCATION:  
Friday Harbor  
[CHANGE...](#)

**3** CURRENT WEATHER:  
Weather Theme: Fair Weather  
[CHANGE...](#)

**4** CURRENT TIME AND SEASON:  
11/13/2006 10:04  
[CHANGE...](#)

☐ Launch flight with ATC window open

[Fuel and Payload...](#)

[Load...](#)

[Save...](#)

[Flight Planner...](#)

[Failures...](#)

And then click Load.



Contacts

[FLY NOW!](#)

# LOAD FLIGHT

## Title

BruceAir-IFR--KCVO-CV01-CVO-C172-01  
BruceAir-IFR--KALW-VOR-Rwy16-ALW-BE58-02  
BruceAir-IFR--KALW-VOR-Rwy16-ALW-BE58-01  
BruceAir-IFR--HOLDING-KSHN-MNC-BE58-02  
BruceAir-IFR--HOLDING-KSHN-MNC-BE58-01  
BruceAir-IFR--HOLDING-KSHN-MNC-C172-02  
BruceAir-IFR--HOLDING-KSHN-MNC-C172-01  
BruceAir-IFR--VOR-Navigation-ALW-PSC-BE58-02  
BruceAir-IFR--VOR-Navigation-ALW-PSC-BE58-01  
BruceAir-IFR--VOR-Navigation-ALW-PSC-C172-03  
BruceAir-VFR--VOR-Navigation-C172-02  
BruceAir-IFR--VOR-Navigation-ALW-PSC-C172-01  
BruceAir-IFR--ADF-Navigation-C172-03  
BruceAir-IFR--ADF-Navigation-C172-02  
BruceAir-IFR--ADF-Navigation-C172-01  
BruceAir-IFR--ADF-Navigation-BE58-01  
BruceAir-VFR--VOR-Navigation-C172-03  
**BruceAir-VFR--VOR-Navigation-C172-01**  
BruceAir-VFR--TrafficPatterns-C172-03  
BruceAir-VFR--TrafficPatterns-C172-01  
BruceAir-VFR--TrafficPatterns-C172-02  
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BruceAir-VFR--Takeoffs-KOLM-Rwy17-C172-01  
BruceAir-VFR--MarginalWX-OLM-C172-01  
BruceAir-VFR--Basic Flight Maneuvers-BE58-01

☐ Make this the default flight

This list displays available Missions and saved flights.

BruceAir-VFR--VOR-Navigation-C172-01

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*Flight Simulator*

When the Load Flight dialog box appears, click the title of the Practice Flight that you want to fly. A description of the selected Practice Flight appears in the box.

## Description

This Practice Flight supports learning about and rehearsing basic VOR tracking skills. The Flight begins west of Walla

Delete

When you're ready to fly, click Fly Now!

HELP

CANCEL

FLY NOW!



# *Key Flight Simulator Views*

2D Cockpit



Virtual Cockpit (3D)



Spot Plane



Maximize (W)



This is the normal (2D) Cockpit view for the Cessna 172S in Flight Simulator 2004. All aircraft have similar 2D cockpit views.

All of the basic controls you need to fly the airplane are available in this view, except the avionics stack, which pops up in a small window when you click the Avionics icon. Some aircraft also have pop-up windows for engine controls and sub-panels.

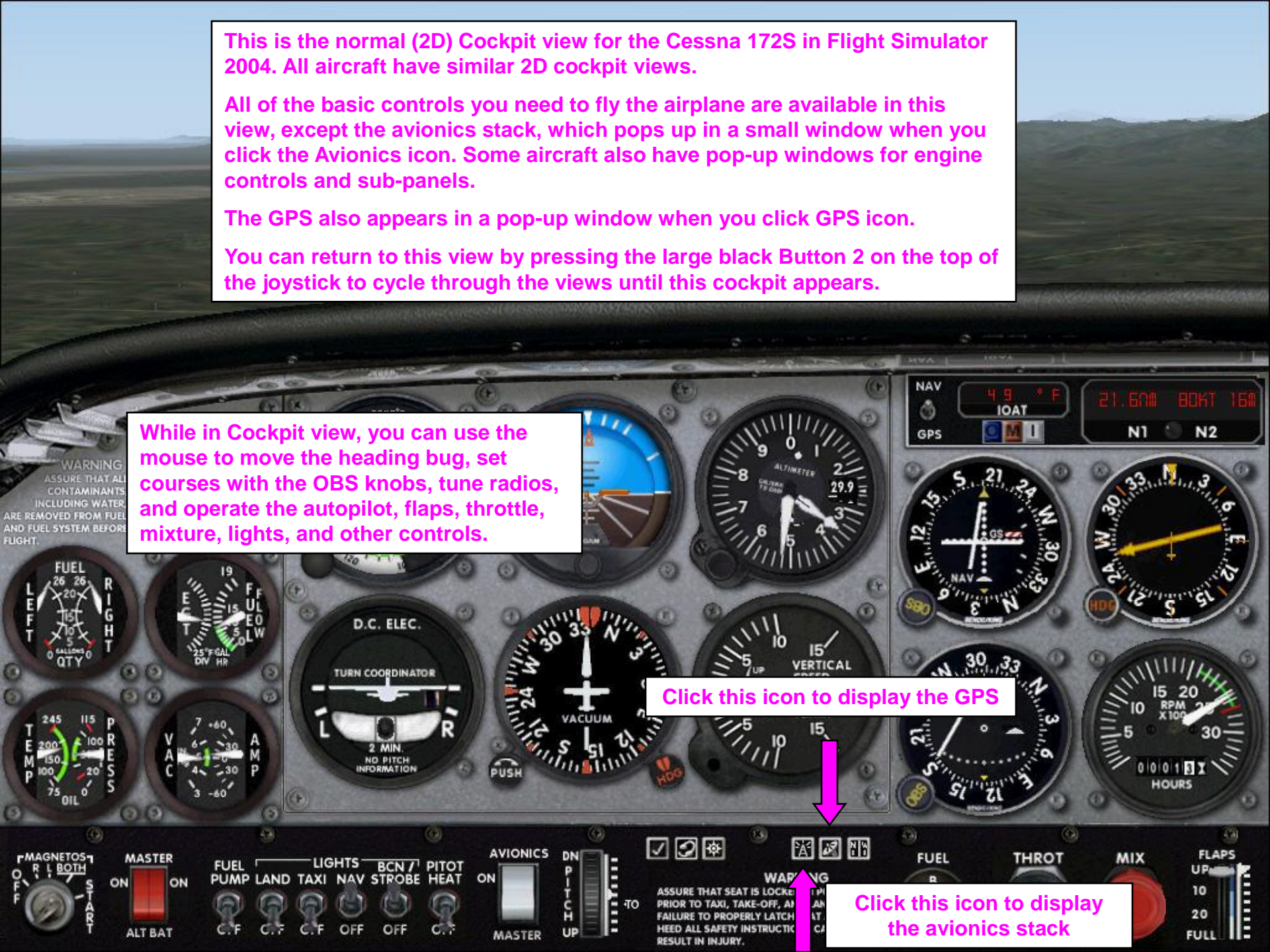
The GPS also appears in a pop-up window when you click GPS icon.

You can return to this view by pressing the large black Button 2 on the top of the joystick to cycle through the views until this cockpit appears.

While in Cockpit view, you can use the mouse to move the heading bug, set courses with the OBS knobs, tune radios, and operate the autopilot, flaps, throttle, mixture, lights, and other controls.

Click this icon to display the GPS

Click this icon to display the avionics stack





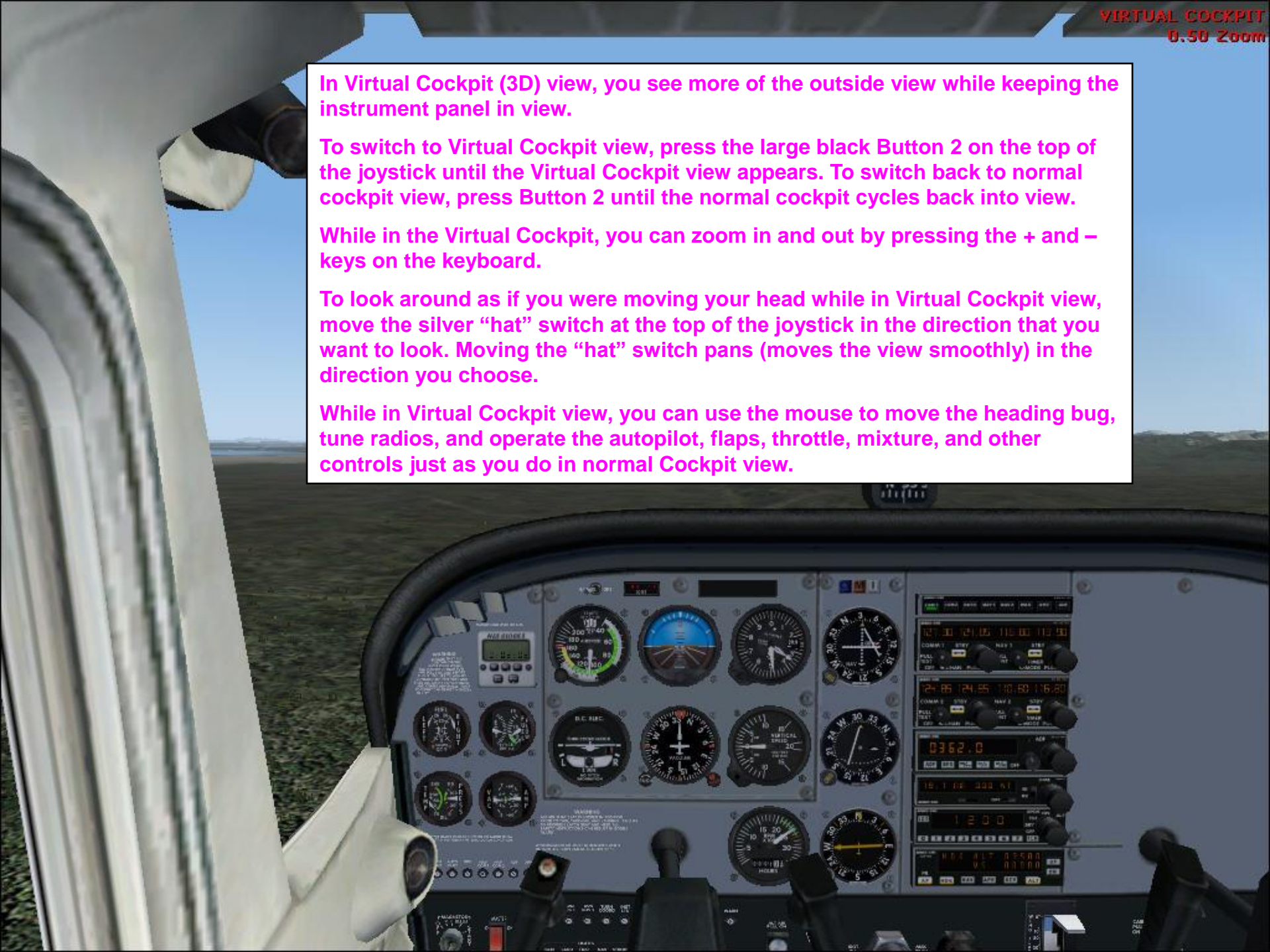
In Virtual Cockpit (3D) view, you see more of the outside view while keeping the instrument panel in view.

To switch to Virtual Cockpit view, press the large black Button 2 on the top of the joystick until the Virtual Cockpit view appears. To switch back to normal cockpit view, press Button 2 until the normal cockpit cycles back into view.

While in the Virtual Cockpit, you can zoom in and out by pressing the + and - keys on the keyboard.

To look around as if you were moving your head while in Virtual Cockpit view, move the silver “hat” switch at the top of the joystick in the direction that you want to look. Moving the “hat” switch pans (moves the view smoothly) in the direction you choose.

While in Virtual Cockpit view, you can use the mouse to move the heading bug, tune radios, and operate the autopilot, flaps, throttle, mixture, and other controls just as you do in normal Cockpit view.



In exterior, or Spot Plane view, you see your airplane as if you were flying in formation.

To switch to Spot Plane view, press the large black Button 2 on the top of the joystick until the Spot Plane view appears. Note that you may have to cycle through the Tower view, which shows your airplane from the perspective of the control tower or airport reference point at the last airport you visited.

If you don't appear to be in close formation as you switch views, press joystick Button 2 again to continue cycling views to Spot Plane view.

To switch back to normal cockpit view, press Button 2 until that the normal cockpit cycles back into view.



While in Spot Plane view, you can zoom in and out by pressing the + and – keys on the keyboard.

To look around as if your chase plane were changing its position in formation, move the silver “hat” switch at the top of the joystick in the direction that you want the chase plane to move. You can move around, above, and below your airplane.



Maximum, or “W” view, de-clutters the main screen. In Maximum view, you see only a set of basic flight and navigation instruments along the bottom of the screen. The instruments you see depend on the type of aircraft you’re flying.

Maximum view is particularly useful during the last stages of an instrument approach or landing. Think of it as “taking a peek” over the instrument panel—just as you do in real flying—as you approach the decision altitude or MDA or transition into the flare prior to touchdown.

This view is available only when you are flying in the main 2D Cockpit view.

To switch to and from Maximum view, press the W key on the keyboard (this view is not available by pressing a button on the joystick).

Pressing the W key once displays the view you see here. Pressing the W key again removes the instruments at the bottom of the screen. Pressing the W key once more cycles back to the 2D Cockpit view.



# *Flight Simulator X Views*

- ➔ Most of the views in Flight Simulator X work just like those in Flight Simulator 2004.
- ➔ The following slides point out a few key differences. For more information about the new views in Flight Simulator X, see the topic “Using Views and Windows” in the Learning Center.





In Flight Simulator X, the Views menu includes commands display the new Landing View and IFR Panels, where appropriate.

In some aircraft, you can also click icons to switch to Landing View or the IFR Panel.



- ✓ Full Screen ALT+ENTER
- Air Traffic Control
- Chat Window CTRL+SHIFT+]
  - Instrument Panel ▶
  - New View ▶
- View Mode ▶
  - Cockpit ▶
    - ✓ Cockpit
    - Virtual Cockpit
    - Right Seat
    - Radio Stack
    - Light Switches
  - Outside ▶
  - Tower ▶
  - Runway ▶
  - Aircraft ▶
    - C172SP Skyhawk - N6873X
- Undock View
- Close View ]
- Window Titles
- Axis Indicator
- Top-down Orientation
- ✓ Cockpit - View 00

- ✓ Cockpit
- Virtual Cockpit
- Right Seat
- Radio Stack
- Light Switches

Flight Simulator X introduces the Right Seat view, which puts you in the copilot position.







Right Seat view is especially useful when flying together with another pilot in a Shared Cockpit.

# *Map View*

- Flight Simulator includes a Map view that shows the location of your airplane and other information—e.g., airports and nav aids.
- You can also use the Map view to reposition your aircraft and to view a trail of your flight path.





In Flight Simulator 2004, to display the Map, click this icon



In Flight Simulator X, to display the Map, click this icon

In Map view, you can see your aircraft's position, the location of airports and nav aids, airspace boundaries, etc.

A red trail also marks your flight path.

**Latitude**

N47° 42.38'

**Longitude**

W121° 58.50'

**Altitude**

+3521

**Heading**

337

**Airspeed**

159

You can change your aircraft's altitude, heading, speed and LAT/LONG by clicking in these boxes and typing.

Click these buttons to change the map scale and to hide/display map elements such as airports, VORs, NDBs, intersections, and airways.

The black aircraft icon shows your position.

You can use the mouse to drag the airplane icon to a new position

To return to the cockpit, click OK

HELP

CANCEL

OK



# MAP

## Flight Simulator X

In Map view, you can see your aircraft's position, the location of airports and nav aids, airspace boundaries, etc.

A red trail also marks your flight path, and a magenta line shows the GPS course to your next waypoint.



Click these buttons to change the map scale and to hide/display map elements such as airports, VORs, NDBs, intersections, airways, and weather.

Longitude

W123° 15.06'

Altitude

+6998

Heading

33

Airspeed

100

You can change your aircraft's altitude, heading, speed and LAT/LONG by clicking in these boxes and typing.

The black aircraft icon shows your position.

You can use the mouse to drag the airplane icon to a new position

To return to the cockpit, click OK

HELP

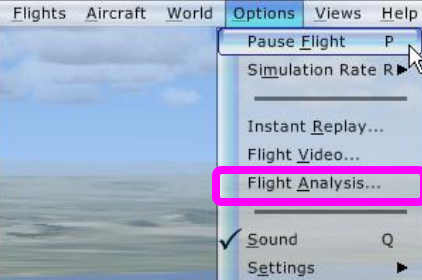
CANCEL

OK

# *Flight Analysis*

- Flight Simulator includes Flight Analysis so you can review a flight. Flight Analysis works like a basic flight data recorder (“black box”).
- The Flight Analysis screen looks like the Map view, but you can use controls like those on TV remote to replay a flight on top of the map and to review heading, airspeed, altitude readouts.





To view the Flight Analysis screen, in either Flight Simulator 2004 or Flight Simulator X, press the ALT key to display the menu bar, and then, on the Options menu, click Flight Analysis.





Latitude

N47° 31.97'

Longitude

W122° 18.29'

Altitude

+21

Heading

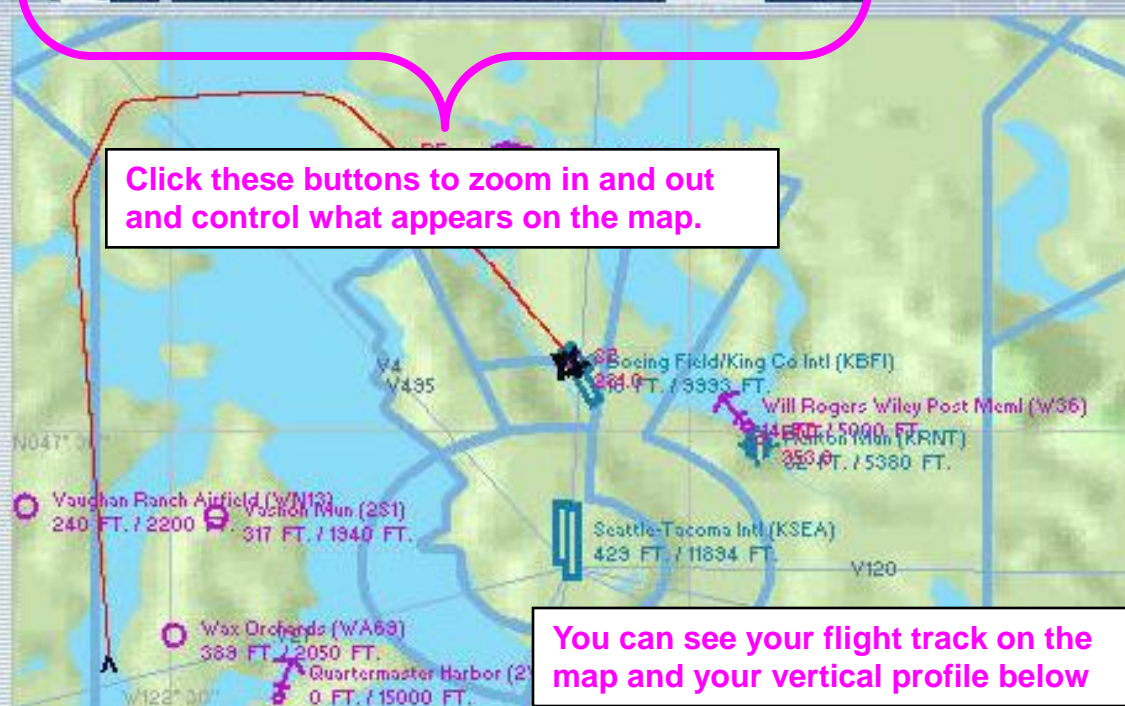
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Airspeed

30



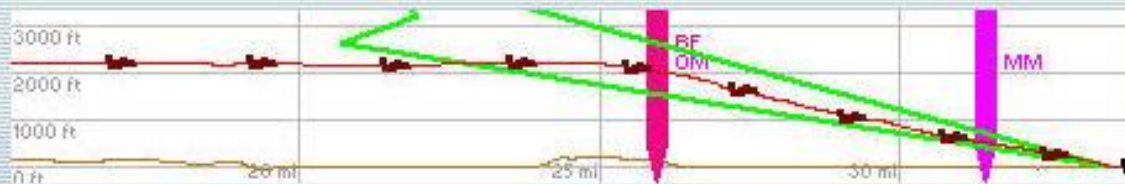
Click these buttons to zoom in and out and control what appears on the map.



You can see your flight track on the map and your vertical profile below



Click these buttons to control the playback of your flight.



Playback timer

10 : 26 : 02

Time compression

8x

Drag the slider along this bar to set the starting point for the review of your flight.

OK





Latitude  
N46° 57.91'

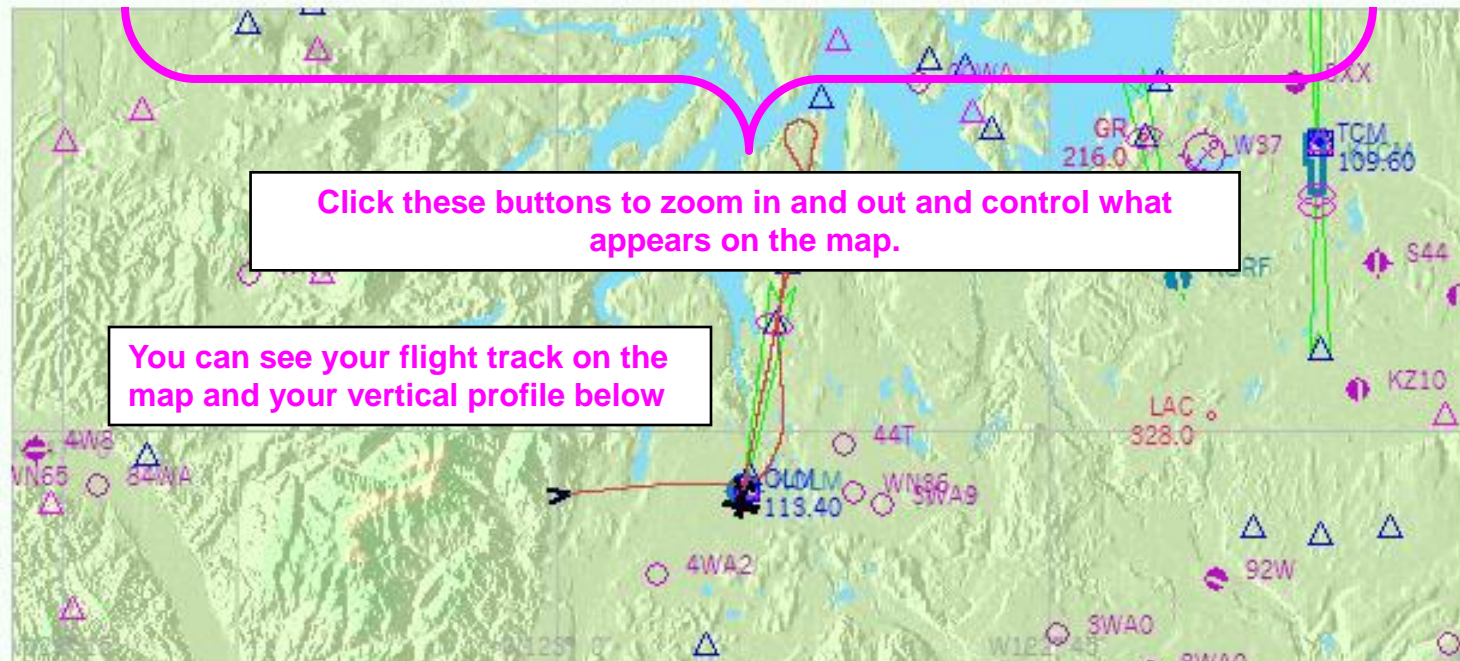
Longitude  
W122° 54.34'

Altitude  
+209

Heading  
172

Click these buttons to zoom in and out and control what appears on the map.

You can see your flight track on the map and your vertical profile below



Click these buttons to control the playback of your flight.



Playback timer 10:05:12

Time compression 10x

Drag the slider along this bar to set the starting point for the review of your flight.

OK

# *Using Slew Mode*

- ➔ If you want to move your airplane rapidly to a new location without using the Map view, you can use Slew mode.
- ➔ While in Slew mode you can use the joystick to “zoom” the airplane in any direction—left, right, forward, or backward. You can also use keyboard shortcuts to change altitude rapidly.



# *Keyboard Shortcuts for Slew Mode*

- ➔ To switch in and out of Slew mode, press the **Y** key on the keyboard.
- ➔ While you are in Slew mode, the word **Slew** appears in red in the lower-right corner of the screen.
- ➔ To increase altitude while in Slew mode, press and hold the **Q** key.
- ➔ To decrease altitude while in Slew mode, press and hold the **A** key.

# *Controlling Direction in Slew Mode*

- ➔ While in Slew mode, use the joystick to move your aircraft.
- ➔ Push the joystick in the direction you want to travel (forward, left, right, or backward). To stop, center the joystick.
- ➔ To change heading (rotate the aircraft about its vertical axis), twist the joystick left or right.



# *Joystick Controls in Slew Mode*



# *Pausing a Flight*

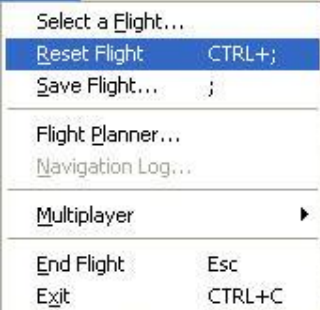
- ➔ You can pause the simulation at any time to review the situation, look up information, or review any points of confusion
  - To pause a flight at any time, press the **P** key.
  - To resume flying, press the **P** key again.



# *Resetting a Flight*

- You can reset the current flight to start flying again from the beginning of the situation.
  - To reset (restart) a flight, press **CTRL+;** (semicolon), or
  - Press the **ALT** key to display the Flight Simulator menu bar and on the **Flights** menu, choose **Reset Flight**.

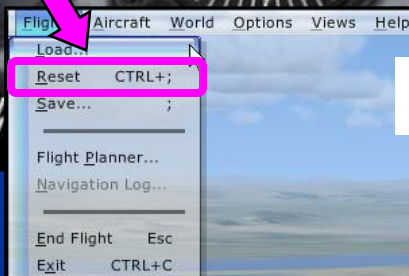
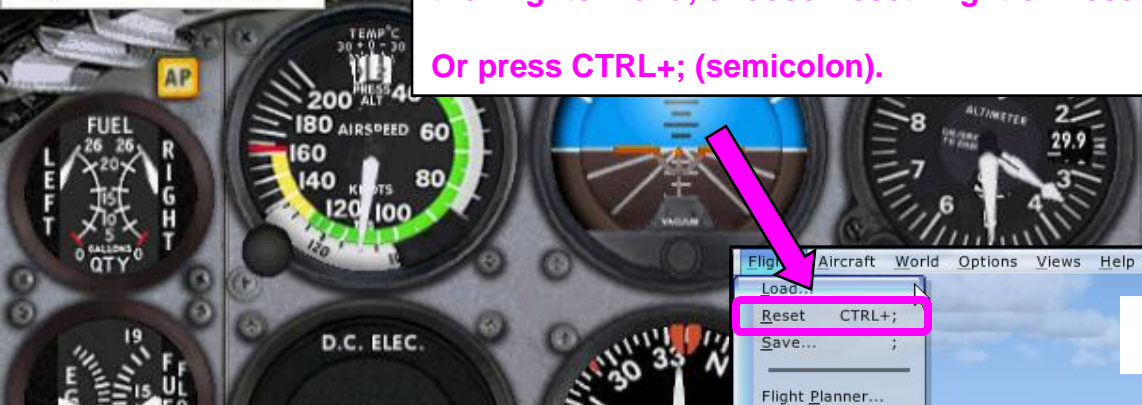
Flights Aircraft World Options Views Help



## Flight Simulator 2004

To reset (restart) a flight, press the ALT key to display the Flight Simulator menu bar, and then on the Flights menu, choose Reset Flight or Reset.

Or press CTRL+; (semicolon).



## Flight Simulator X





Flights Aircraft World Options Views Help

Select a Flight...  
Reset Flight CTRL+;  
Save Flight... ;

Flight Planner...  
Navigation Log...

Multiplayer ▶

End Flight Esc  
Exit CTRL+C

## Flight Simulator 2004



To exit Flight Simulator, on the Flights menu, choose Exit, or press CTRL+C.

## Flight Simulator X



# *Flight Simulator Menus*

- ➔ The following screens show the menus first in Flight Simulator 2004 and then in Flight Simulator X.
- ➔ The menus give you an idea of the depth of features (e.g., realism settings, system failures, etc.) available in Flight Simulator.
- ➔ To learn about these features, see the articles in the **Learning Center**, which is available on the Help menu.
- ➔ To display the menu bar, press the **ALT** key (just as in any Windows application), and then use the arrow keys (→ ↑ ← ↓) or the mouse to choose commands.



Select a Flight...  
Reset Flight CTRL+;  
Save Flight... ;

Flight Planner...  
Navigation Log...

Multiplayer ▶

End Flight Esc  
Exit CTRL+C

The commands on the Flights menu help you start a new flight, reset a flight, use the Flight Planner, end a flight, and exit Flight Simulator.

## Flight Simulator 2004





- Select Aircraft...
- Kneeboard ▶
- Visual Flight Path...
- Fuel and Payload...
- Smoke System I
- Realism Settings...
- Failures...

On the Aircraft menu, you can choose commands to select a new aircraft, display the Kneeboard, change the fuel and payload, adjust realism settings, and set up system, instrument, and engine failures.

## Flight Simulator 2004





- Time and Season...
- Go to Airport...
- Map...
- Weather...

The World menu includes commands to change the time of day and season of the year and commands for repositioning your aircraft at a new airport, displaying the Map, and changing the weather.

## Flight Simulator 2004

WARNING  
ASSURE THAT ALL  
CONTAMINANTS,  
INCLUDING WATER,  
ARE REMOVED FROM FUEL  
AND FUEL SYSTEM BEFORE  
FLIGHT.

AP

VOLTS  
10:49:48  
SELECT CTRL



NAV 51 ° F 2.0 NM DKT 99M  
GPS IOAT N1 N2



D.C. ELEC.  
TURN COORDINATOR  
2 MIN.  
NO PITCH  
INFORMATION

VACUUM  
PUSH

VERTICAL  
SPEED  
100 FEET  
PER MIN



MAGNETOS  
OFF  
START

MASTER  
ON  
ALT BAT

FUEL PUMP  
OFF  
LAND TAXI NAV BCN / STROBE PITOT HEAT

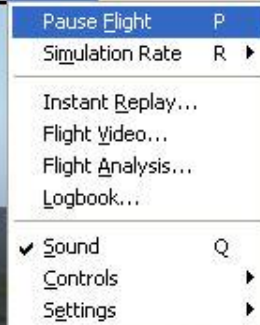
AVIONICS  
ON  
MASTER

WARNING  
ASSURE THAT SEAT IS LOCKED IN POSITION  
PRIOR TO TAXI, TAKE-OFF, AND LANDING.  
FAILURE TO PROPERLY LATCH SEAT AND  
HEED ALL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS CAN  
RESULT IN INJURY.

FUEL  
L B R  
OFF

THROT  
MIX  
FLAPS  
UP  
10  
20  
FULL





With the commands on the Options menu, you can pause a flight, change the simulation rate, replay a flight, and so forth.

## Flight Simulator 2004





- ✓ Full Screen ALT+ENTER
- View Options...
- Air Traffic Control
- Instrument Panel
- New View
- View Mode
- Maximize View W
- Undock View
- Close View ]
- ✓ COCKPIT - View 00

The Views menu includes commands to change the display and to control ATC features.

## Flight Simulator 2004







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## Flight Simulator X





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## Flight Simulator X





Time and Season...

Go to Airport...

Map...

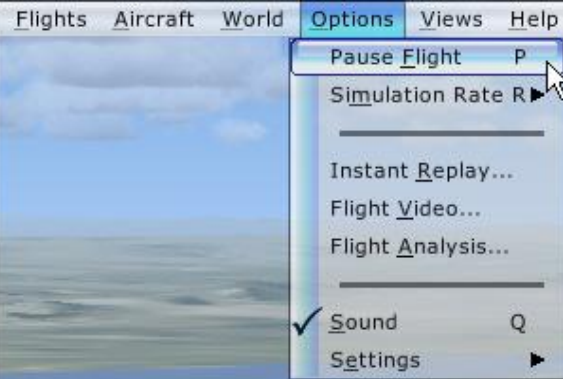
Weather...

Scenery Library...

The World menu includes commands to change the time of day and season of the year and commands for repositioning your aircraft at a new airport, displaying the Map, and changing the weather.

## Flight Simulator X





With the commands on the Options menu, you can pause a flight, change the simulation rate, replay a flight, view Flight Analysis, and so forth.

## Flight Simulator X







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## Flight Simulator X







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# *More Sources of Information*

- ➔ For more information about Microsoft Flight Simulator, visit the official Web site at [www.fsinsider.com](http://www.fsinsider.com).
- ➔ You can also find more information about Flight Simulator and *Microsoft Flight Simulator as a Training Aid* at [www.BruceAir.com](http://www.BruceAir.com).

